## REMARKS

**a. Restriction Requirement**

In the Office Action, the Examiner set forth a Restriction Requirement that identified what the Examiner has characterized as two distinct inventions. In particular, the Examiner suggested in the Office Action that the present application contains claims directed to the following inventions:

I. Claims 1-11, 13-19, and 29-31, drawn to an optical multiplexer/demultiplexer system, classified in class 385, subclass 24.

II. Claims 12, 20-28, and 32-37, drawn to a method of multiplexing or demultiplexing optical signals, classified in class 398, subclass 43.

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicant hereby elects Invention I (Claims 1-11, 13-19, 29-31 drawn to an optical multiplexer/demultiplexer system) for examination, without traverse.

**b. Preliminary Amendment**

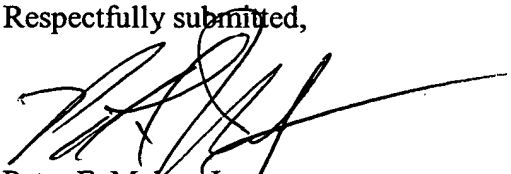
Applicant notes that while claims 30 and 31 refer to "The method of claim 29," claim 29 actually recites "An optical multiplexer/demultiplexer system . . ." Accordingly, claims 30 and 31 have been amended herein for consistency with claim 29.

**c. Conclusion**

In the event the Examiner wishes to discuss any of the matters contemplated hereby, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone conversation with the undersigned.

Dated this 12TH day of July, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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